

FACTS AND FIGURES.

Fort Worth's Business for the Year 1888 as Obtained from Official Sources.

A Glance Back to 1876—Increase in One Year in Business Concerns—The Volume of Trade—Real Estate Transfers.

It is well for men to review their lives for a year past on New Year's morning and equally as good for a city like Fort Worth to take its bearings. The following statistics will probably convince more people of what Fort Worth really is than anything else that could be said. The business for the past year has not only been large, but it has been satisfactory, far more profitable than that of the year 1887. The country northeast, west and southwest from Fort Worth has made fine crops, and from present indications will do as well, if not better, this year. Good rains have fallen, and the thousands of immigrants have put in a large acreage in wheat. Fort Worth will gain by this prosperity.

INCREASE IN BUSINESS.

R. G. Dun & Co. in their commercial report for 1876 shows Fort Worth to have had the following concerns here, fifty-nine in all: Andrews & Marshall, billiards and groceries; L. Armstrong, groceries; D. C. Bennett, dry goods; Boaz, Merkle & Co., bankers; P. J. Bowdry, books; James H. Bradner, tinner; J. H. Brown, groceries; Brown, Walcott & Blandin, steam mill; J. Burch & Bro., saloon; J. Carb & Co., dry goods; F. W. Carrio, carpenter; J. T. Carrio, furniture; Mrs. Rose Carrio, millinery; Chambers & Co., groceries; D. R. Crawford, furniture; L. W. Crawford, photographer; M. Cromwell, real estate owner; Deggett & Hatcher, groceries; G. H. Day & Co., groceries and liquors; J. Dahlman & Bro., clothing; Doll & Woods, drugs; Eagan & Byrne, saloon; B. C. Evans & Co., general store; C. K. Fairfax, hotel; W. T. Ferguson, drugs and physician; Field & Handley, general store; J. W. Fleming, farmer, etc.; A. B. Frazier, groceries; S. R. Haywood, boarding-house; D. E. Hanley, books, etc.; S. Hirschfeld, planter; George Jackson, drugs; Johnson & Wims, livery stable; Richard H. King, blacksmith; W. S. McKeever & Co., agents for pumps; R. C. McPhail, millinery; Maddox & Co., livery stable; Manuel & Co., hardware; J. K. Milliken & Co., publishers; Z. E. B. Nash, stoves and tin; Newman, Young & Butts, dry goods; B. B. Padcock, editor; C. M. Peak, physician; D. W. Penderly, wholesale liquors; T. W. Powell, drugs; William Rose, saloon; W. Rowland, farmer; J. F. Shelton, drugs and groceries; Gus Smith, saloon; John Smit, saddler; R. F. Tackaberry, saddlery and harness; Tidball, Van Zandt & Co., bankers; S. P. Tucker, groceries; C. Turner, groceries; J. W. Turner, dry goods; Frank L. Twombly, saloon; Isaac L. Van Zandt, physician; W. H. Williams & Co., stoves, tin, blacksmiths, etc.; William Willis, shoemaker.

The business man who will turn to Dun's book of 1887, will find 460 business concerns credited to Fort Worth or an increase nearly eight fold. Official report received yesterday from Mr. E. S. Gard, Dun's agent in Fort Worth, show Fort Worth to have 621 business concerns doing business here, an increase over last year of 161 or over 33½ per cent. Business failures have been lighter and fewer in Fort Worth for the year 1888, than any other city of like size.

REAL ESTATE DEALINGS.

There has been no excitement in real estate dealings during the last year and no boom. Boston and Chicago capitalists have bought property to the extent of \$1,200,000. A Chicago citizen who stopped in the city by chance purchased lots for \$7700. A Denver gentleman planted \$70,300 in Fort Worth in one day in December last. The increase in values has been steady but sure, and is based on a legitimate basis. County Clerk King has compiled a list of the transfers and with the sales made since his figures were given the total number of transfers is 1879, consideration for property sold \$5,182,070.

MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS.

During the year the county clerk has issued 435 marriage licenses.

As far as could be learned from the physicians the births for the year are 518, two-thirds of the children born being boys.

Deaths in Fort Worth for the year were 259.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

City Secretary Early gives the following figures in regard to the waterworks: Holly system cost \$325,000. The capacity is 4,000,000 gallons per twenty-four hours. There are twenty miles of street mains, fifty stop gates set in street mains and 127 double-nozzled hydrants. The pressure is direct, running from 40 to 160 pounds. The water supply comes from 115 gang wells and the water is good for all domestic purposes. The revenue from the waterworks to the city, which owns them, increased over \$2000 in the year 1888.

He also reports the amount expended for public schools to be \$34,108.32; for streets, \$13,654.11; for public buildings, \$16,821.76; total bonded indebtedness, only \$271,000.

City Engineer King reports the purchase by the city of eleven miles of sewer pipe at a cost of \$28,000; contract price for putting in same, \$48,000; total cost of new sewers, \$76,000; total length of sewers, twenty-seven and one-half miles; miles streets graded, graveled and guttered, six; total cost of iron viaduct over Trinity river, \$34,000.

FURNISHING STATISTICS.

The railroads centering at Fort Worth have, during the year ending December 31, 1888, received and discharged at Fort Worth 1,939,580,000 pounds of freight, as against 1,527,343,828 pounds in 1887. Grand total tons, 1887-763,672. Number of carloads handled, 107,754. The Fort Worth and Denver, which has made up its yearly statement, furnishes some very interesting figures as follows:

Tons freight handled..... 1888. 1887.
Number cars livestock handled—1886, 324; 1887, 457; 1888, 720.
Number head handled—1886, 98,072; 1887, 143,406; 1888, 209,619.
Total number cars livestock handled since road opened, 35,698; total number head of cattle handled, 1,037,732.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

The wholesale trade of Fort Worth for the year 1888 transacted by thirty-four firms, including lumber and flour, reaches the magnificent sum of \$12,540,000.

MILLS AND ELEVATORS.

During the year 1888 the capacity of the grain elevators in Fort Worth has

been increased to 520,000 bushels, and the capacity of flour mills is 1250 barrels per day, an increase over 1887 of \$50 barrels per day.

During the year of 1888 Fort Worth handled over 35,000 bales of cotton.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

During the year one new company was added to the fire department, which now consists of six companies, one hook and ladder company, five hose and engine companies. The electric fire alarm has been extended during the year.

COUNTY STATISTICS.

Tax Collector Murray reports 1081 persons on the rolls as merchants from first class to seventh class or paying occupation taxes. Of this number twenty-one are merchants of the first class, that is purchasing over \$100,000 worth of goods annually.

County Treasurer Bratton reports \$23,072 expended on roads and bridges and \$14,547 in the courthouse fund.

CORPORATIONS.

Among the many strong corporations in Fort Worth the following will make extra efforts during the year 1889. Democrat Publishing Company—Incorporated September, 1885. Capital stock \$50,000. Proprietors Fort Worth GAZETTE. K. M. VanZandt, president; W. F. Brittingham, manager, and W. L. Malone, managing editor of THE GAZETTE.

East Fort Worth Town Company—Incorporated May 6, 1887. Capital stock \$150,000. J. J. Fry, Parsons, Kas., president.

B. C. Evans Company—Chartered 1883. Capital stock, \$250,000. B. C. Evans, president.

Fort Worth Board of Trade—Chartered January, 1888. Capital stock, \$50,000. E. E. Chase, president.

Fort Worth City Company—Organized June, 1887. Capital stock \$500,000. W. A. Carrio, president.

Fort Worth Cotton Compress Company—Chartered September, 1880. Capital stock \$50,000. K. M. Van Zandt president.

Fort Worth Electric Light and Power Company—Incorporated November, 1885.

Capital stock \$50,000. Robert E. Maddox, president.

Fort Worth Gas Light Company—Capital stock \$60,000. J. P. Smith president.

Fort Worth Granite Roofing Company—Chartered July, 1887. Capital stock \$50,000. J. Peter Smith president.

Fort Worth Ice Company—Incorporated December, 1881. Capital stock, \$100,000. Robert E. Maddox, president.

Fort Worth Iron Works—Incorporated May, 1887. Capital stock, \$50,000. Oscar Lynch, president.

Fort Worth Street Railway Company—Chartered 1876. Capital stock, \$50,000. K. M. Van Zandt, president.

Fort Worth Union Stockyards—Incorporated July, 1887. Capital stock, \$200,000. E. W. Taylor, president.

Queen City Street Railway Company—Amended charter April, 1887. Capital stock, \$25,000. Theo. O. Vogel, acting president.

The Randall & Chambers Company—Incorporated 1882. Capital stock, \$30,000. Marion A. Chambers, president.

Rosedale Street Railway Company—Chartered 1885. J. F. Tierney, president.

Spanish Moss Manufacturing Company—Incorporated June, 1887. Capital stock, \$10,000. W. F. Lake, president.

Texas Live Stock Journal Publishing Company. Incorporated 1885. Capital stock, \$10,000. Publishers and proprietors, Texas Live Stock Journal. William A. Garner, president.

The Mail Publishing Company—Incorporated 1886. Capital stock \$10,000. Publishers and proprietors of the Fort Worth Evening Mail. William A. Garner, president.

The Martin-Brown Company—Incorporated 1883. Capital stock \$185,000. Joseph H. Brown, president.

The Matador Land and Cattle Company (limited)—Incorporated 1882. Capital stock \$2,500,000. W. F. Sommerville, manager.

A FEW FIGURES.

Reports of the State Comptroller and Commissioner of Statistics.

The Finances of the Commonwealth Set Forth. The Population and the Progress of the Industries—The Debt.

Special to the Gazette.

AUSTIN, TEX., Dec. 31.—Comptroller McCall's report now ready will show total revenue receipts from all sources, including \$1,000,000 indemnity from the United States government, for the year ending August 31 last, \$4,027,457, and the total disbursements, including transfers of \$742,280, \$2,708,330. The balance on hand August 31, 1888, was \$1,259,126.

The comptroller calls attention to numerous devices of capital to escape taxation. He estimates for the year ending August 31, 1889, as follows: Total receipts, with the balance on hand, \$2,464,156; total disbursements, \$2,394,676.

The expenses of the two penitentiaries for the year were \$649,500. Foster's census report will not be ready till next week, but THE GAZETTE man today was permitted to take from it in the commissioners office the following items not heretofore published:

Number of deaths in Texas in 1887—White males, 9023; white females, 8038; colored males, 2179; colored females, 2387.

Number of counties—243, of which 192 are organized, 51 unorganized.

Two hundred and thirteen counties show an increase of population. The total net increase of population is 423,283 over 1880.

Number of breweries, six; capital invested, \$258,500; value of raw material used, \$57,800; value of product, \$35,500.

Number of carriage factories, 73;

THE ALAMO MONUMENT.

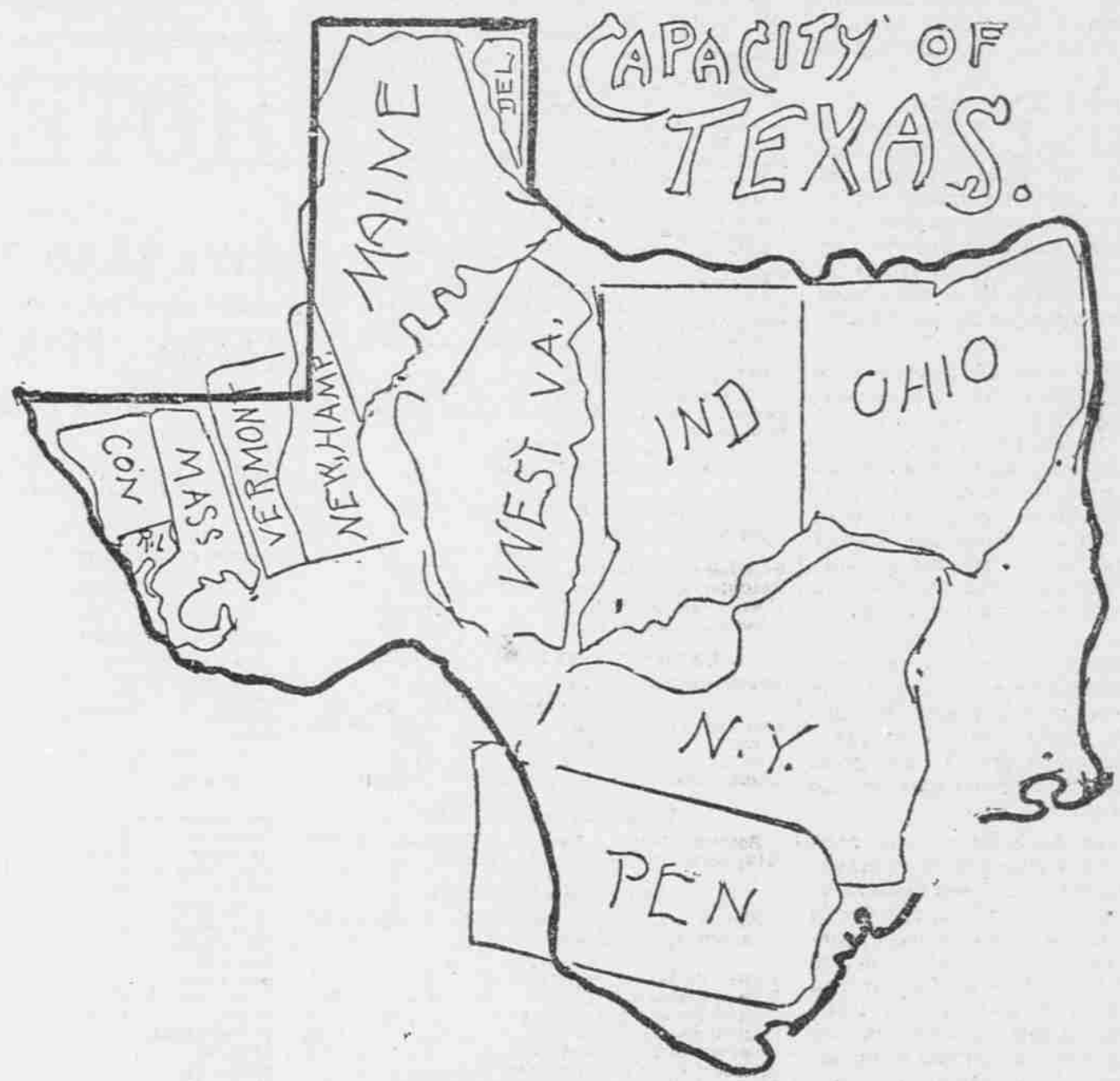
A Liberal Donation Toward It Made by Sam Maverick of San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Dec. 31.—New life was infused into the Alamo Monumental Association to-day by a liberal donation to the fund of \$10,000 by Sam Maverick, the banker, and eldest son of the famous Sam Maverick, one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence of 1836, and who fought in all the battles of the Texas revolution. The Alamo Monumental Association has been in existence for the last decade, its object being to erect a huge granite column in the center of the Alamo plaza to commemorate the heroic patriotism of Crockett, Bowie and the others of the brave band of 156 men who were massacred in the Alamo by Santa Anna's powerful army in March, 1836. Work will be begun on the monument early in the spring.

Surrendered Unconditionally.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Secretary Whitney to-day received dispatches from Admiral Luce confirming the Associated Press report of the surrender of the Aynian Republic at the demand of the United States by General Legitime, the newly elected president of Hayti. The dispatches were immediately sent to Secretary Bayard. Secretary Bayard said this evening that it was not true as stated by some of those on board Prinz Mouritz that the Haytian Republic had been given up on condition that the case should be arbitrated by representatives of the two governments. Hayti, said the secretary, of course may come into our courts and seek damages in way of indemnity for loss of the vessel, but no conditions whatever were made with Admiral Luce.

Advices have been received from Samoa in regard to the situation there, but as the department closed early to-day on account of New Year festivities to-morrow the



SQUARE MILES.	
Texas	69,470
New York	46,215
Penn.	41,060
Ohio	36,250
Indiana	33,040
Maine	24,780
West Va.	9,565
Vermont	9,205
New Hamp.	8,115
Massa'setts	4,900
Connecticut	2,050
Delaware	1,250
Rhode Isl'd	1,250

Capital invested, \$336,988; material used, \$455,350; value of product, \$725,080. Number of saw mills, 422; capital \$3,149,633; raw material used, \$2,538,649; value of product, \$6,476,305.

There are invested in the following manufacturing enterprises, agricultural implements, breweries, carriage factories, cigar manufactories, coal mines in operation, cotton manufacturing, cottonseed oil mills, distilleries, flouring mills, foundries, marble shops, saw mills, wagon factories, woolen mills, silver mines in operation, \$11,547,243; raw material used in these enterprises, \$14,721,982; value of product, \$23,615,249.

Number of farm laborers, 68,418; they worked on average 6.45 months and received an average salary of \$14.35 per month.

The commissioner's report will show the following recapitulation of the operations of the frontier battalion rangers from May, 1874, to November 30, 1888: Arrested for murder, 512; assault to kill, 367; cattle and other theft, 1669; swindling, etc., 140; escaped convicts, 72; fence cutters, 75; train and stage robberies, 80; rape and adultery, 16; arson, 6; bandits, 13; minor offenses, 127; scouts, 4870; engagements with criminals, 59; criminals killed, 69; rangers killed, 14; Indians killed, 35; Indians captured, 4; Indians wounded, 12; trails followed, 108; outlaws captured, 77; number of miles traveled, 562,386.

The report shows there are 79,564 renters and 377,222 families in the state. There were 35,537,967 acres of timber land, 49,934,343 acres in the pastures and 9,574,632 acres in cultivation.

The total population of the state is 2,015,000.

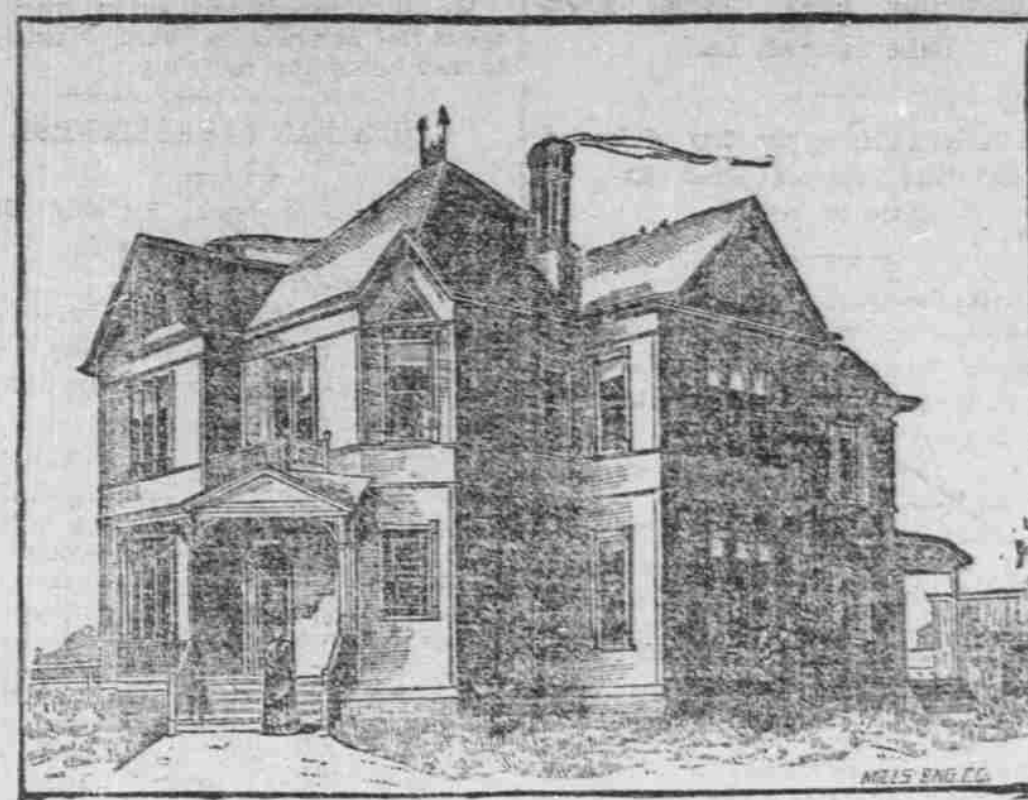
AUSTIN STATESMAN.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.

AUSTIN, TEX., Dec. 31.—The stockholders of the Statesman Publishing Company to-day held a meeting and elected E. W. Parker and A. P. Woolridge, prominent citizens, directors in place of Colonel William P. Gaines and Ike Pryor, both resigned. Colonel Ellis remains on the board, which with the two changes above continues the same as before. A. P. Woolridge was elected president of the company and E. W. Parker secretary. General W. R. Hamby was re-elected general manager. The stockholders passed a resolution thanking General Hamby for his conduct of the paper which has much more than paid expenses the past year.

Mr. Peyton Brown, one of the proprietors of the Statesman, returned from Baltimore on a visit to relatives to-day.

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RESIDENCE OF W. T. FAKES.

A DEVOTED HUSBAND.

What He Told His Wife After Going Out Between the First Two Acts.

Philadelphia Record.

Wife (at the theater).—"Pshaw! oh, you—you—what means that horrid odor on your breath?"

Husband—"Um—en—you know I seeped outside to see Mr. Smith about a bill he owes me. Well, I missed Smith, and, while standing in the lobby, made the acquaintance of a very pleasant gentleman."

"Oh, yes; I know all about—"

"A very pleasant gentleman, who said he was a personal friend of Worth, the Paris dressmaker."

"Dear me!"

"Yes; and he took such a fancy to me that he offered to get his friend Worth to furnish you with dresses at 50 per cent. off."

"Oh, you darling! How good of you to think of it."

"Yes. Well, I was so delighted I naturally wished to do the proper thing, so we adjourned to the Palais and took a couple of drinks together while talking over the late styles and prices, you know."

"I see. Isn't it grand? When will you see him again?"

"Well, the fact is, my dear, that after leaving him I was approached by a noted detective, who kindly warned me against the stranger, who, he said, was a notorious confidence man just out of the penitentiary."

"Oh, dear, how provoking. Well, you are not going out again, I hope?"

"Only once. You see it is my solemn duty, under the circumstances, to go out and treat the detective."

"There's several things I object to doing," said the lady who had applied for a situation for general housework in the home of Mrs. Bixby.

"And what are those things?" asked Mrs. Bixby in the profoundly respectful tone that it is always safest to adopt when talking to ladies of this class.

"Well, I wouldn't be willing to do any of the sweeping or dusting or bed-making or dishwashing or cooking. Of course you wouldn't expect me to wash or iron or bake or clean windows or scour the silver or wait on the table or attend to the children or anything of that kind."

"N-o-o-o," said Mrs. Bixby timidly, "I don't know that I could expect so much of you, I might do those things myself. But would you be willing to let me go out, say twice each week, while you

"Oh, I see," exclaimed the offended general housework lady, rising to go; "you want a slave; that's what you want; and I don't choose to be one. Good day, madam."

A Frigid Fortune.

Drake's Magazine.

"Do you see that man, McCrackie?"

"I do, Briggs." "He's worth a cool million."

"Why do you use the adjective 'cool'?" Would not your information be as correct without it?"

"No; he made it in the ice business, you see."

An Unlucky Day.

Drake's Magazine.

"I tell you there is something in this superstition about Friday being an un-

A BRILLIANT BALL.

Enjoyed by the Young People at Huffman's Hall Last Night.

One of the most brilliant and enjoyable social affairs of the season was the ball at Huffman's Hall last night, given by the young men of Fort Worth. The air was delightfully cool and pleasant, the music was good, the floor in good condition, the ladies charming and every body in good spirits. Nothing more was needed to complete the success of the evening, and as they tripped the old year out their mirth was tinged with just enough of sadness for the happy days that were gone to add keenest zest to the bright anticipations of those to come.

The programme was danced with great zest until 11:30, when all repaired to a restaurant, where a supper composed of the most satisfying substantial and the most appetizing of dainties was partaken of. Returning to the ballroom, refreshed and enlivened, the programme was again taken up, and it was a late hour this morning before the last strain of the concluding waltz told the merry revellers that the time had come to say good-night.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Martindale, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Garner, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lampton, Mr. and Mrs. L. August, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Seoble, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mabry, Misses Lizzie Reynolds of Dallas, Mamie Stevens of Arlington, Miss Cooke of San Marcos, Jessie Strong, Rosa Maddox, May Seoble, Carrie Hershey, Annie Graves, Augusta Hirschfeld, Belle Smith, Fannie Peers, Julia Williams, Eula Williams, Mollie Rafferty, Ella Montgomery, Nannie Montgomery, Sallie Weltman, Minnie Nash, Lillian Hunt, Maud Hunter, Miss Meek, Lillie Hickey, Annie Zook, Messrs. Ford, Mayfield, Higby, Mabry, Lebane, Dunn, Edrington, Purdham, Elliott, Lynch, Skinner, Cooke, Montgomery, French, Maddox, Dumbeck, B. D. Smith, Dashwood, Reed, Bishop, Rucker, Nelson, Chapin, Byrne, Nash, Comb, Campbell, Walcott, J. E. Smith, Colonel John Talbott.

A Pleasant Party.

A delightful little New Year's party was given last night at the residence of Mr. Sam J. Hunter, at which a number of the younger society folk enjoyed themselves to a late hour. Dancing, games of all kinds and music formed the amusements of the evening. Those present were:

Misses Minnie Butts, Minnie Geor, Susie Ikard, Pearl Holland, Flora Anderson, Ellen Lewis, Jane Lewis, Mary St. Clair, Messrs. Guy Maddox, Will Masie, Pitt Montgomery, Archie Martin, Joe Hunt, Madison Jones, Charles Wheeler, Samuel Williams, Will Geor, Ray Hunter, Horace Hunter.

Man Burned to Death.

DECATUR, ALA., Dec. 31.—A fire broke out last night near the Windsor hotel and destroyed eleven new buildings belonging to the Decatur Land Company.

Instantly Killed in a Wreck.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA, Dec. 31.—The eastbound passenger train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, struck a broken rail five miles east of Lame this morning. The engine tipped over and was badly wrecked. Engineer Nichols and Fireman Francis were instantly killed. No one else was hurt.

Diamond Bessie's Lover.

His Mistress' Trunk Attached for a Doctor's Bill.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

Abe Rothschild, who was tried for the murder of Bessie Moore in Texas some five years ago, the trial creating quite a sensation throughout the whole land at the time, returned to this city some time ago, accompanied by a dashing young woman, a New York actress, whom Rothschild passed off as his wife. She took sick, and Dr. W. F. Taylor of West Fourth street was called in. He attended her for some time, and then presented a bill for \$124, which Rothschild refused to pay. Yesterday Dr. Taylor appeared before Squire Bright and entered suit to recover the amount of the bill rendered. Prissie Rothschild was made the defendant, and a writ of attachment was issued. Special Constable Smith was given the writ to serve. Rothschild heard of it and tried to get away with the trunk, but the constable got there first and seized it in a storehouse, where it had been left under another name.

The Fancy in Low Couches.

New York Tribune.

Among incidental pieces of furniture there is a fancy for low couches, or old-fashioned settees, without sides or back, luxuriously upholstered with hair covered with tapestries. These are rolled into a corner of the room and finished with four or five pillows at the back and sides.

He Took the Hint.

She said, as she led him from the parlor and s,t on the stairs.

"Yes," he replied. "This would be a fine place to hang the mistletoe."

"Oh, no," she returned, smiling archly. "It is so dark here that it isn't

Where It Is Needed.

Detroit Free Press.

"People talk about presence of mind, when and where most needed, etc.," said a young physician to a company of elder graveyard fillers at Cambridge the other day. "I can tell you where it is most needed."

"Where?" asked one of the company, with a sneer.

Where! Why, in a lunatic asylum, of course." They gave him a diploma.

He Took the Hint.

"How nice and quiet it is out here," she said, as she led him from the parlor and s,t